

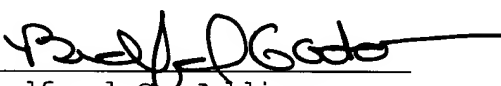
REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-18, and 20, are pending in this application. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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